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DANCING IN THE DARK

CAUGHT IN THE HEART OF A GAMMA-BOMB EXPLOSION, DR. BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS HIMSELF TRANSFORMED INTO A POWERFUL, DARK, AND DISTORTED REFLECTION OF HIMSELF.

STAN LEE PRESENTS:

**THE INCREDIBLE
HULK**

NEW YORK
CITY...

BOO.

*FOR ONSLAUGHT EVENTS
LEADING UP TO THIS, SEE
UNCANNY X-MEN #356!

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SHUT UP.

YOU'RE HERE... WHY?

I'M... I'M A MOTORMAN... MY SUBWAY'S STUCK... NO POWER...

I'M SCOUTING AHEAD... TO LEAD PEOPLE TO SAFETY...





IDIOTS. SHOULD
LEAVE THEM TO
ROT.



BUT HE'D LIKE
THAT. ONSLAUGHT
WOULD LOVE TO
SEE SUFFERING
AND PAIN.

THAT'S A SOLID
ENOUGH REASON
TO HELP.



FIRST HE TOOK
OVER MY MIND.
THEN HE TOOK
OVER THIS CITY.



BY HELPING
THESE PEOPLE,
I TAKE BACK A
SMALL PIECE.



AND THAT'S HOW
WE'RE GOING TO
GET HIM.



ONE SMALL
PIECE AT A
TIME.



MOMMY!
I KNEW IT!
THERE WAS A
MONSTER,
MOMMY!

I TOLD
YOU IT WAS
PRETEND.
LET'S GO!

LOS ANGELES
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT...

LOOK,
I NEED TO
GET A TICKET
FROM L.A. TO
NEW YORK...
FAST!

SIR,
MAYBE YOU
HAVEN'T SEEN THE
NEWS... BUT THERE'RE
NO FLIGHTS INTO
OR OUT OF NEW
YORK. THERE'S A
PROBLEM --

I
KNOW THERE'S
A PROBLEM!
THAT'S WHY I'M
TRYING TO GET
THERE!

HEY...
AIN'T YOU RICK
JONES?

NO.

LOOK,
I'VE BEEN TO
TWO OTHER AIRLINES.
SOMEBODY MUST
BE RUNNING
FLIGHTS...

A
CHARTER!
WHO DO I
TALK TO ABOUT
CHARTERING A
PLANE?

I
DOUBT ANYONE
WOULD TAKE YOU! IN ANY
EVENT, THE AIRPORTS ARE
CLOSED, YOU COULDN'T LAND.

I COULD
SKYDIVE.

YOU
ARE RICK JONES!
CAN I GET YOUR
AUTOGRAPH?

I BEEN
IN L.A. TWO WEEKS!
I GOT AUTOGRAPHS
FROM THOSE "SPACE
CASES" GUYS... WALTER
JONES AND RAHI
AZIZI...

BUT
YOU'RE THE
FIRST TALK
SHOW HOST
I MET.

SIR, TO BE BLUNT...
IT'S SUICIDE
HEADING OUT
THERE.

IT'S NOT
THAT! PEOPLE
WHO MEAN
SOMETHING TO
ME ARE IN
DANGER!





IT'S NOT ONE OF THE
GREAT MOMENTS
IN HERO HISTORY.



THEY'VE GONE TO
GROUND. FALLEN
BACK.



MURMURING,
MUTTERING TO
EACH OTHER.

FACED WITH HARD TRUTHS
ABOUT THEIR LIMITATIONS.
FORCED TO RETREAT TO
AN UNDER-CONSTRUCTION
SUBWAY STATION INSTEAD
OF THEIR USUAL FANCY DIGGS.

DOESN'T
BOTHER ME.



I'VE HIDDEN IN
CAVES... FORESTS...
SEWERS. I'M NOT AS
PICKY AS THEY ARE.

AND AS FOR
LIMITATIONS...

DEVIL TAKE
THEM!



AS I PASS BY,
CONVERSATION
DIES.

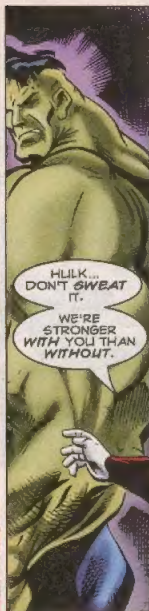
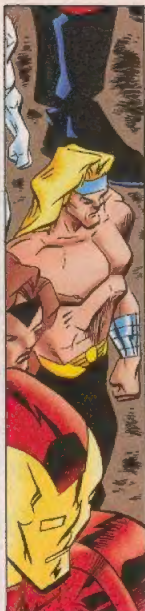


THEY STILL SEE ME
AS AN ENEMY... NOT
A TRUE ALLY.





STOP
LOOKIN' AT
ME LIKE
THAT...
...UNLESS
YOU'D PREFER
I JOINED THE
OTHER
SIDE.



HULK...
DON'T SWEAT
IT.
WE'RE
STRONGER
WITH YOU THAN
WITHOUT.



THAT
RIGHT,
FALCON?

YEAH,
THAT'S RIGHT.
THEY KNOW IT...
AND SO DO
YOU.



WHY
YOU COZYING
UP TO HIM,
FALC'?

BECAUSE...
I OWE HIM.



OKAY...
WE'VE LICKED
OUR WOUNDS
LONG ENOUGH.
LET'S TAKE
THE FIGHT TO
HIM.

UNWISE.
FOR THE
MOMENT, WE HAVE
TO TEND TO THE
INJURED... PLAN
STRATEGY...



ALL OF
WHICH HE'LL BE
EXPECTING US TO DO. BUT
BATTLE'S NINETY PERCENT
STATE-OF-MIND. LONGER WE
HIDE, MORE CONFIDENT
HE BECOMES. BUT IF
WE STRIKE --

BEFORE
WE'RE
READY?



BEFORE
HE'S READY.



DOCTOR...



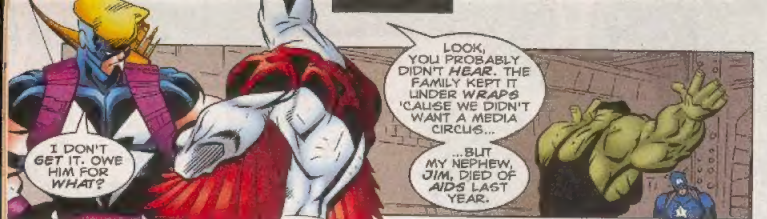
"...AT THIS VERY MOMENT,
ONSLAUGHT'S CASTLE
CONSUMES SEVERAL
SQUARE MILES OF
CENTRAL PARK.

"FROM WHAT I'VE
GATHERED, IT IS
CONTINUING TO
GROW. WE HURLED
OURSELVES INTO
BATTLE AGAINST
HIM...

"...AND YOU
SEE THE
RESULTS.

"I WOULD HAVE TO
GUESS THAT IF
THERE'S ONE THING
THAT ONSLAUGHT
ALREADY IS...

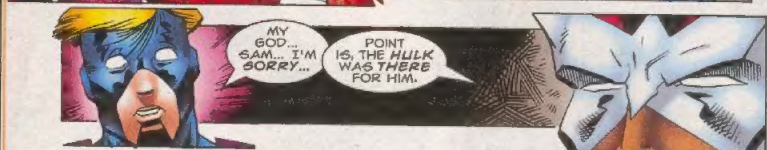
"...IT'S
READY".



I DON'T
GET IT. OWE
HIM FOR
WHAT?

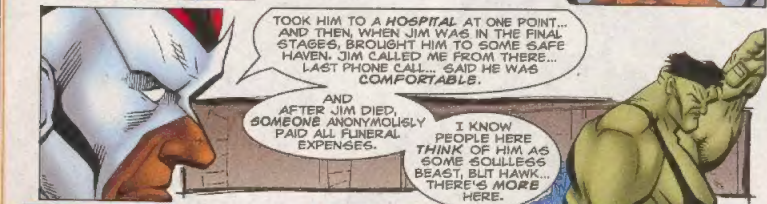
LOOK,
YOU PROBABLY
DIDN'T HEAR. THE
FAMILY KEPT IT
UNDER WRAPS
'CAUSE WE DIDN'T
WANT A MEDIA
CIRCUS...

...BLIT
MY NEPHEW,
JIM, DIED OF
AIDS LAST
YEAR.



MY
GOD...
SAM... I'M
SORRY...

POINT
IS, THE HULK
WAS THERE
FOR HIM.



TOOK HIM TO A HOSPITAL AT ONE POINT...
AND THEN, WHEN JIM WAS IN THE FINAL
STAGES, BROUGHT HIM TO SOME SAFE
HAVEN. JIM CALLED ME FROM THERE...
LAST PHONE CALL... SAID HE WAS
COMFORTABLE.

AND
AFTER JIM DIED,
SOMEONE ANONYMOUSLY
PAID ALL FUNERAL
EXPENSES.

I KNOW
PEOPLE HERE
THINK OF HIM AS
SOME SOULLESS
BEAST, BLIT HAWK...
THERE'S MORE
HERE.



DO
WHAT YOU
FEEL YOU NEED
TO, DOCTOR,
IF YOU
MUST.

I'M
TAKING A
SHOT AT
ONSLAUGHT.
I'LL BE GOING
THROUGH THE
TUNNELS UNDER
CENTRAL
PARK.

ANYONE
CARE TO
COME?

I'M
THERE.

ME
TOO.

VISION!
YOU'RE
HARDLY IN
SHAPE
TO --

I DO NOT
KNOW HOW
MUCH LONGER
I WILL BE
ABLE TO
FUNCTION.

I PREFER
TO BE OF
ASSISTANCE
WHILE I'M
STILL ABLE.

AT ANY
MOMENT,
CRYSTAL
ONSLAUGHT
COULD
UNLEASH
ANOTHER,
EVEN MORE
DEVASTATING
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
PULSE.





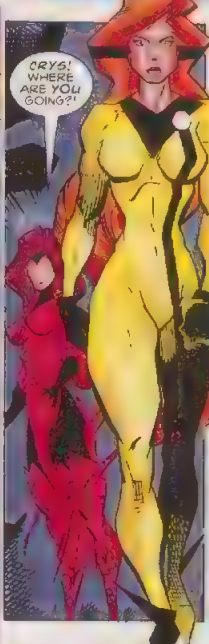
CAP...
WHAT DO YOU
THINK?

I
FEEL IT'S TOO
SOON, AND THIS IS
UNWISE. OF COURSE,
I COULD BE WRONG.



NICE
YOU ADMITTED
THAT.

LET'S GO,
PEOPLE



CRYE!
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?!



I GUESS
I PICKED UP
SOME OF PIETRO'S
IMPULGNESS.
WANDA.

FLUNNY
HOW YOU NEVER
DID.



I PERCEIVE ONLY
ONE DRAWBACK
TO YOUR PLAN.



THERE ARE NO
TUNNELS UNDER
CENTRAL PARK

THE
DAY'S
YOUNG.

SOMEWHERE.
IN A PANTHEON
SAFE HOUSE

WHERE

WHERE
AM I? WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

CAREFUL!
YOU'LL YANK
OUT THE I.V.
TUBE.

YOU
WERE BURNING
UP WITH 104° FEVER
WHEN WE FOUND
YOU. DEHYDRATED
WITH A KILLER
INFECT ON.

A LOT OF
WHAT HAPPENED. IS
FUZZY. WHO ARE YOU?
AND WHO WAS THAT
WALKING LAND MASS
THAT FOUND
ME?

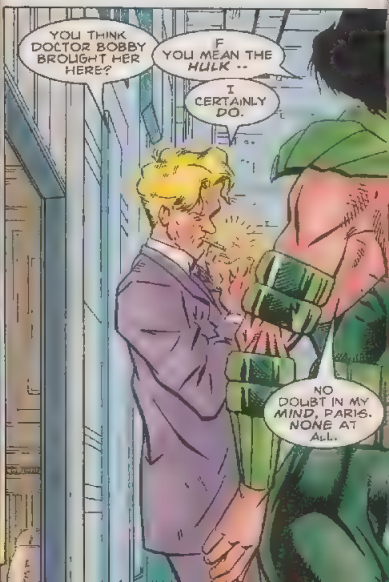
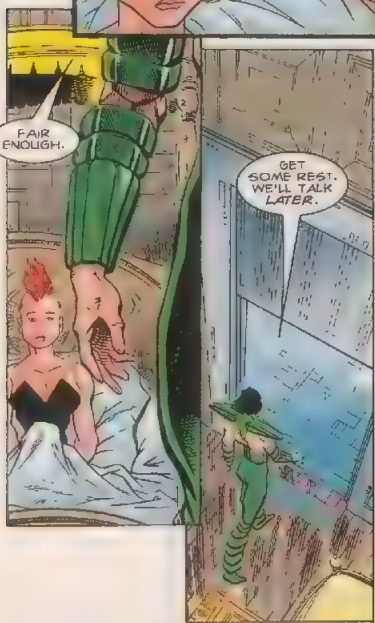
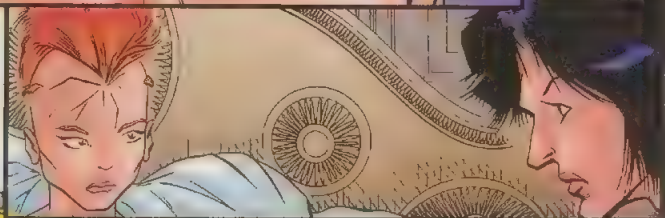
THE
LAND MASS
WAS AJAX. I'M
ATALANTA. AND
THAT PLACE WHERE
WE FOUND YOU
BELONGS TO
US.

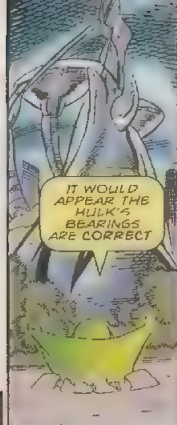
WE
HADN'T
USED IT FOR
A WHILE.
WE'VE HAD
SOME

...SETBACKS...
IN THIS
PART OF THE
WORLD.

BUT
WITH THIS
STUFF GOING DOWN
IN NEW YORK, WE
THOUGHT IT BEST IF WE
STARTED GATHERING
A U.S. PRESENCE
AGAIN.

WHO'S
"WE"?





IT WOULD
APPEAR THE
HULK'S
BEARINGS
ARE CORRECT



HIS SENSE OF
DIRECTION
BORDERS ON THE
SUPERNATURAL.

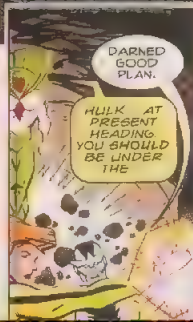


YO
MUSCLES!
WATCH THE
FLYING DEBRIS,
WOULD'JA?

CRYSTAL
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

THE
WALLS OF
EARTH AROUND US
ARE FAIRLY WEAK. THE
"EARTH" PART OF MY
ELEMENTAL POWERS
DOES MORE THAN
JUST CAUSE
QUAKES.

I CAN
ALSO PREVENT
CAVE INS.



DARNED
GOOD
PLAN.

HULK AT
PRESENT
HEADING
YOU SHOULD
BE UNDER
THE



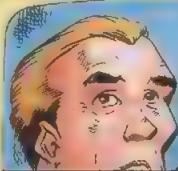
ARRH!

ONSLAUGHT'S
ON TO US!

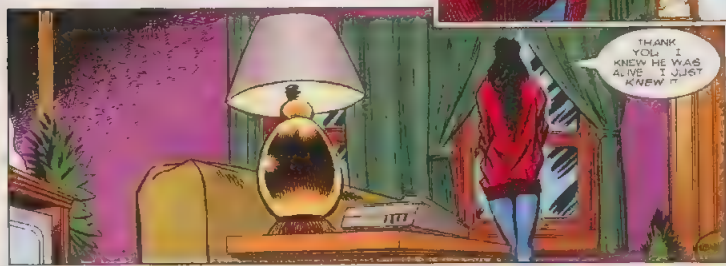


I PUSH HIM OUT
OF MY HEAD..
PUSH MY WAY
UPWARD

REPORTS ARE SCATTERED AND CONFUSED, ALTHOUGH THE HEROES APPEAR TO HAVE FALLEN BACK TO PLAN FURTHER STRATEGY



THE HULK, BELIEVED TO BE CONNECTED BOTH TO NICK FURY AND TO THE MYSTERIOUS "MAESTRO" ALLEGEDLY KILLED SEVERAL MONTHS BACK, HAS SURFACED TO ALLY HIMSELF --



THANK YOU I KNEW HE WAS ALIVE I JUST KNEW IT

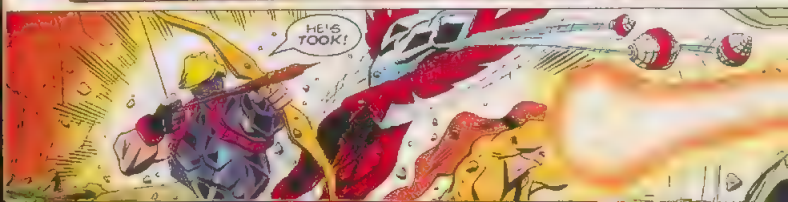


I WAS RIGHT
I KNEW IT. I
CAN FEEL IT.

HIS MENTAL ASSAULT IS
WEAKER THAN BEFORE.
HIS DISPOSING OF US
EARLIER WASN'T SOME
CASUAL DISPLAY OF HIS
POWER. IT TOOK A LOT
OUT OF HIM.

AND EVEN AS HE
BATTERS ME NOW
HE'S STILL NOT UP
TO SNUFF. WHICH
MEANS WE CAN

TAKE
HIM!



HE'S
TOOK!

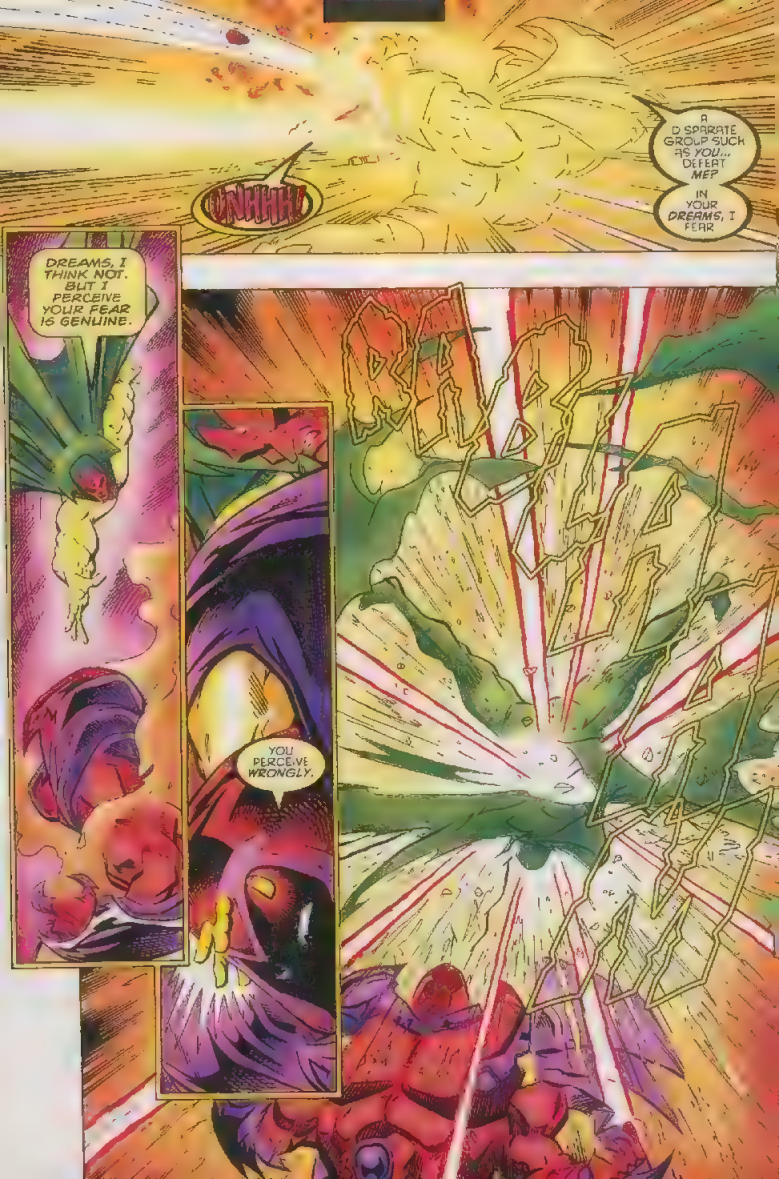
ONHHH

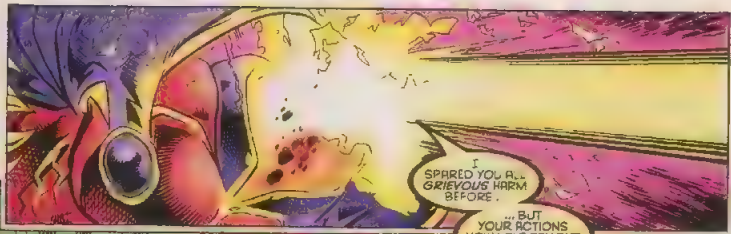
A
D SPARATE
GROUP SUCH
AS YOU...
DEFEAT
MEP

IN
YOUR
DREAMS, I
FEAR

DREAMS, I
THINK NOT.
BUT I
PERCEIVE
YOUR FEAR
IS GENUINE.

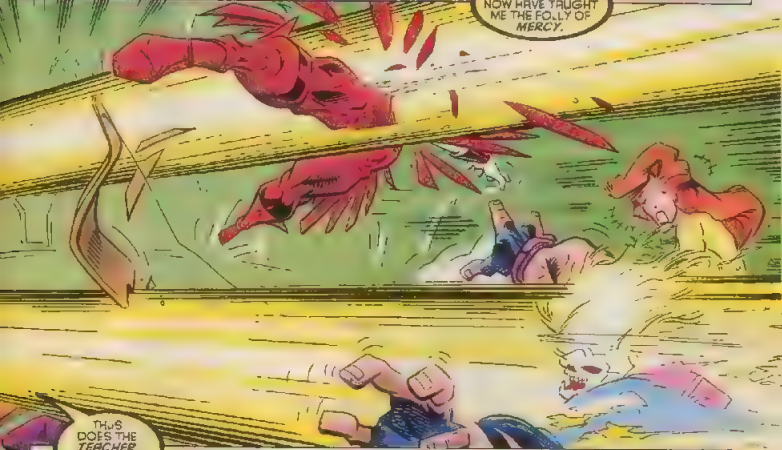
YOU
PERCEVE
WRONGLY.





I
SPARED YOU ALL
GRIEVOUS HARM
BEFORE.

...BUT
YOUR ACTIONS
NOW HAVE TAUGHT
ME THE FOLLY OF
MERCY.



THUS
DOES THE
TEACHER
BECOME THE
PUPIL.

I
AM MOST
APPRECIATIVE
OF THE LESSON...
AND IT IS ONE
I SHALL NOT
FORGET



AND
HERE'S ANOTHER
UNFORGETTABLE
LESSON.





THE OTHERS ARE
CRIPPLED OR DEAD...
BUT IT DOESN'T
MATTER... AT LEAST...

AT LEAST
YOU "GOT"
ME... RIGHT,
HULK?

THAT'S
RI--

Eh?

HOW
COMFORTING
TO KNOW JUST HOW
IMPORTANT YOUR
"ALLIES" ARE TO YOU.
I'M SURE THEY FIND
IT A REVELATION
AS WELL.

ONSLAUGHT...
IN MY HEAD...
HE'S...

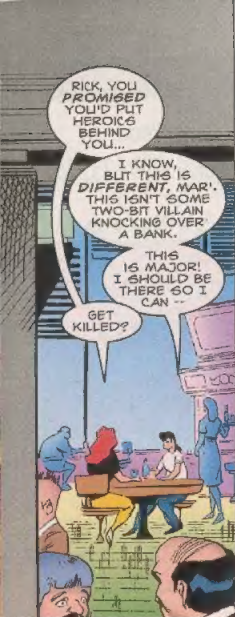
EVERYWHERE,
YES. THAT WAS JUST
ONE SCENARIO, HULK.
THERE'S MANY MORE I
CAN AND WILL PROVIDE.
AND EVERY TIME YOU
THINK YOU'VE
TRIUMPHED...



... YOU'LL
FIND YOURSELF
BACK WHERE YOU
STARTED. AND
EVERY TIME YOU DIE,
YOU'LL WONDER IF
THIS IS THE TRUE
DEATH...

... OR IF
NEW AGONIES
AWAIT YOU.

COME
TO ME, THEN,
HULK... FOR ALL
THE GOOD IT
WILL DO
YOU.



RICK, YOU PROMISED YOU'D PUT HEROICS BEHIND YOU...

I KNOW, BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT, MAR'. THIS ISN'T SOME TWO-BIT VILLAIN KNOCKING OVER A BANK.

THIS IS MAJOR! I SHOULD BE THERE SO I CAN --

GET KILLED?



HASN'T HAPPENED YET.

IT ONLY TAKES ONCE.

SOMETIMES MORE.

Huh?

NEVER MIND.



RICK, IF YOU WENT... YOU'D BE ONE OF DOZENS. TO ME, YOU'RE ONE IN A MILLION.

RICK, I WANT TO HAVE A FAMILY AND FUTURE WITH YOU. DOESN'T ANY OF THAT MATTER?



SO... YOU'LL STAY WITH ME?

SURE.

'SPECIALLY SINCE I COULDN'T GET A FREAKIN' PLANE OUT THERE.



SO IF WE CAN MAKE HIM FIGHT THIS WAR ON MULTIPLE FRONTS, WE...

DOCTOR! THAT WAS FASTER THAN I'D HAVE THOUGHT. WELL?



I HAVEN'T
DISMISSED THE
NOTION OF
MY TAKING ON
ONSLAUGHT
DIRECTLY ...

...BUT I'VE
CONCLUDED
THIS ISN'T
THE RIGHT
MOMENT.



DOCTOR,
IT'S DECISIONS
SUCH AS THIS
THAT WILL HELP
YOU EARN THE
CONFIDENCE OF
OTHERS.



Oh,
I'M SURE
THEY'D TRUST
ME WITH THEIR
LIVES.

WHAT'S NEXT?
IN TWO WEEKS:
THE ULTIMATE
ONSLAUGHT
CHECK OUT...

**MARVEL
ONSLAUGHT
UNIVERSE**

AND BE HERE IN
THIRTY FOR:

AFTERMATH!